THIRD DAY.

7th January 1910.

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The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. on Friday, the 7th January 1910.

24. Deaths from snake-bite should not be classed under 'accidental deaths'.

Mr. K. M. Mamman Moppilla (Member, Tiruvalla Taluk) stated that deaths from snake-bite were very common in his taluk, and that, under the existing law, the dead body in such a case could be disposed of only after the usual mahazar was prepared by the Police. The inconvenience resulting from such a practice was, he added, very great. He therefore wanted the existing law to be amended and he suggested that the Proverthicar might be asked to prepare the usual mahazar and to relieve the Police of this duty. The Member also requested that Government might be pleased to order a free supply to the poor of Sir Lauder Brunton's Lancet, which was simple in mechanism and successful in application in cases of snake-bite.

Dewan's reply.—The District Magistrates will be asked to enquire and report whether any amendment to the existing law is necessary. The other suggestion will be considered.

25. Removal of the difficulties now experienced by people in the purchase of General and Court-fee stamps.

Mr. Kunjan Narayanan (Member, Karunagapalli Taluk) represented that the stamp vendors at present were generally men of no position or status. As such stamp vendors were allowed by Government a discount which was ridiculously low, they were tempted to sell stamps at rates higher than those fixed by Government. The people were thus put to much loss and inconvenience. The Member said that, in future, the stamp vendors should be men of position and integrity. As an alternative, he also proposed that Village Officers might be asked to sell stamps and stamp papers. He added that the Court-fee stamps might also be sold through the officers of the Courts.

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Mr. P. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel Taluk) in supporting the previous speaker, suggested that stamp papers might also be ordered to be sold in the offices of Sub-Registrars, and that to stimulate competition between stamp vendors, more than one vendor in the same locality should be appointed.

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Dewan's reply.—The attention of the Division Peishkars will be drawn to the difficulties pointed out and the complaints made by the Members. The question of giving increased commission to stamp vendors is under the consideration of Government. Government will also enquire as to the practicability of allowing the sale of stamp papers through Sub-Registrars' offices.

26. Complaints against the several and frequent adjournments of original civil suits made by the subordinate Courts without examining the witnesses summoned.

Mr. C. Raman Tampi (Member, Eraniel Taluk) said that, though there was a circular order of the High Court, that all civil cases should be disposed of without delay and without putting the parties to inconvenience and loss, the subordinate Courts, in disregard of that order, used to adjourn cases indefinitely. Besides, witnesses summoned could not often be examined on the fixed dates, owing to the circumstance that a good number of cases had been posted for hearing. The result was serious inconvenience, not to speak of the loss in money, which the suitors sustained by way of repeated process fee. The Member therefore prayed that this state of affairs should be mended.

Dewan's reply.— The attention of the High Court will be drawn to the matter.

27. Certain modifications to the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation, V of 1071.

Mr. T. Vasudevan Potti (Member, Travancore Jenmi Sabha) represented that, if the provisions of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation, as at present worked, were carefully examined, it would become clear that, on the whole, the Regulation was harmful and ruinous. This, he said, was borne out by the complaints which both the Jenmis and the Kudiyans had been making for years past. In the opinion of the Member, it was necessary to have an enquiry made into the working of the present Regulation and to pass a new law, safeguarding the interests of the Jenmis. He urged that, if the above suggestion was considered impracticable, at least certain sections of the Regulation, which worked hardship, should be modified.

Mr. C. Krishna Aiyar (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) brought to notice the hardship and loss caused to the Kudiyans on account of the present system of payment of the *michavaram* in kind. He said that there was no standard nor had the Jenmies any settled head-quarters where the *michavaram* might be regularly paid. The cost of carriage and loss by surplus measurement, now entailed on the Kudiyans, was great; and the Member suggested the amendment of the Regulation, so as to obviate such hardsh

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